



MARCH 1984

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - - - FEELINGS

February 25th - 9:30 A.M. - Grandview, Washington - My daughter Anne's house.

It's RTA newsletter deadline time again....the 26th of the month rolls around real fast. Dick Sacksteder wouldn't be happy with me if I didn't report.

Do you write your feelings down on paper? Putting your feelings on paper has a value. I'm not one for deep introspection, but I've found value in looking at my immediate reactions to the variety of situations I encounter.

For example, when you are in bed at someone else's home and you hear them stirring around, how do you coordinate your shower with theirs? And you are trying to enjoy your morning coffee and the mug from which you are drinking feels strange to your lips. We retirees want to be good house guests, but we encounter difficulty.

It's a little cold in this house--wonder if anyone would object if I sneaked the thermostat up a few degrees. Don't remember my kids being this conservative with my heat bill! Writing things down has its advantages.

When we couldn't remember the name of the bed and breakfast place we stayed in Glandendrod, Wales, I went to the shelf, pulled the empty book containing our European travel from the shelf and read aloud what I had written.

An 'empty book' on my shelf contains the family history I had the urge to write one morning when I was in a 'historical mood'. I know it is there should I ever get the urge to polish it up for the kids. Who knows, perhaps they will discover it someday and place great value in it. Where does keeping an empty book lead?

A theme developed in my empty books about three years ago. Beginning my second occupation, Real Estate, I recorded "How I Feel About Real Estate" almost daily. Even my family get togethers are recorded as a realtor reacting to the events at hand. Now just imagine the conflict of values. You are bouncing your granddaughter on your knee in front of the Christmas tree when the phone rings. It's your \$130,000 price class customer calling from a pay phone near a beautiful colonial house of which she is dying to see the inside.

Returning now to the position of the RTA Presidency, I do have a list of concerns I must put briefly:

- 1) We need to present our liesure time activities to the membership--write them down. Send them in.
- 2) Expose--How to intelligently withdraw your Tax Sheltered Annuities.
- 3) Fascinating reading for retirees--(I'm reading "Blue Highways", by Moon.)
- 4) Political activity with which we must concern ourselves--such as watchdogging our retirement fund and benefits for the former teacher.
- 5) Consider getting both local and state dues on automatic deduction.

---Bye for now

---Thank you all for those memberships you came through with.

---Rededicate yourself to sign up for next year if this one slipped past you.

Sincerely,
Bob Bisnett

OUR NEXT MEETING THURSDAY MARCH 15th
1:30 P.M. EDMONDS BOARD ROOM

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Members of Sno-King R.T.A. now have a variety of options in paying their unit and state dues, according to recent actions of both the unit and the state organization.

The options are as follows:

1. Pay unit dues annually to the unit treasurer.
 - a. Pay state dues at the same time to the unit treasurer who will forward them to the state.
2. Authorize the state to automatically deduct both state and unit dues monthly from your pension check.
3. You may authorize the state to deduct your state dues only from your retirement check, but you may not have your unit dues only deducted from your state check. Your treasurer will collect the unit dues in this case.

Because of a state requirement that unit and state dues be divisible by 12 for computer purposes, Sno-King unit has voted to increase the unit dues to \$6, beginning in July. Thus, the state will deduct 50 cents from your retirement check, plus 84 cents for state dues, which adds up to \$1.34 a month. Fifty cents of the dues increase will go into the unit scholarship fund.

The authorization for both unit and state dues deduction must be in Olympia by May 1 for 1984-85 dues. Once this authorization is made, the dues deduction must remain in force from July 1 through June 30 of the following year. Your 1984-85 dues will be deducted beginning July 1, 1984, and continue through June 30, 1985.

Should you wish to cancel dues deductions for the following year, 1985-86, you must send a written cancellation to WSRTA prior to May 1, 1985, to become effective July 1.

Your officers and board members urge you to give serious consideration to the new automatic dues deduction program for both state and unit dues.

Forms are being included in this news letter so that you can make your choice and return the authorization. When you return the signed forms, please mail the top two forms to your unit treasurer, and keep the one labeled Memorandum to Be Retained by Member.

Should you have any questions or problems connected with filling out the forms, time will be given at the March and April unit meeting to resolve them.

CHALK BOARD CHATTER---Bernadette Denby, retired unit secretary, now is Mrs. Thomas S. Shinn of 308 W. Lake Sammish Road N.E., Redmond, WA.....Al and Pat Svendsen visited last month in Alaska for three weeks with their son and family....Bill Anderson advises that he is interested in forming a stamp club. You can telephone Bill at 778-7822.

A few months ago, Adell and Sam Swanson spent three weeks in London, Bath, Stratford-on-Avon, Windson, and Wales--What a trip in spite of rain and wind, they report.

Dorothy and C.P. Johnson celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary December 29th in the Holiday Inn, Bellevue. Some 400 guests attended. Congratulations!

Friends of Margaret Fletcher were saddened last month to learn of the death of Margaret's mother, at the age of 95. Funeral services were held in Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Edmonds, with interment in Everett.

The District 15 tutoring program is continuing in Edmonds High School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 8:30 o'clock. Al Svendsen, Mary Lou Porter and Art Jannett are among the regulars helping the students over the rough spots. Some 255 students and 60 tutors now are involved. If you care to help, contact the District Administration office.

The annual Sno-King Pre-Retirement seminars are under way this month in the P.U.D. Auditorium at 212th St. and Highway 99 under the direction of Pat Svendsen. More than 135 persons turned out for the first session, Tuesday evening, February 28. This is the largest number to attend an opening session since the seminars were started five years ago. The seminars will conclude March 20. Virginia Foust, of the state retirement system, was the speaker at the opening session. She outlined the rules and regulations governing retirement under the state's retirement system, and answered numerous questions from the audience.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By the time you receive this, the legislature will have adjourned, but legislative activity is already in full swing for next January. Senator Mike McManus and Rep. Katie Allen (21st Dist.) will have reopened their office March 9 in the Crazy Lobster Building (Room 225), across from the RR station, in Edmonds. Phone 771-3722. They will hold several Citizens' Advisory meetings during the year, and the public is invited. Ken Angell and Gordon Bowers represented the Sno-King RTA at the February 27 meeting. Sen. McManus reviewed the problems and progress of this session, and projected goals for the next session, including adequate funding for pensions. He also serves on a committee that will propose a constitutional amendment for a personal income tax of 4%, business net income tax of 12%, at the same time reducing the sales tax to 4%, reducing the B&O and the Wash. State portion of the property tax.

A "Comparable Worth" negotiating team of legislators was created to seek an out of court agreement, and at the same time, Judge Tanners' decision is being appealed. The legislators say that we must compare fairness and equity to the employees with the impact on the State's economic welfare.

The Wash. State Director of the Bureau of Aging & Adult Services, Charlie Reed, at a recent meeting in Olympia stated that many couples had gone bankrupt trying to pay nursing home costs for one partner or the other. The "Deccio Bill" is now law, thus allowing one spouse to transfer to the other all assets, thus keeping the estate intact, and the "poverty partner" can then go to a nursing home at Wash. State expense. For further information, call 1-800-562-6028; help will also be given on how to get through the DSHS red tape.

Sno-King RTA Legislative Representatives Ken Angell, Gene Olmstead, and Gordon Bowers have information on most key issues. Also, legislators are interested in hearing from you. They are listed below:

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look at what they can do when they stick together."

DUES ARE DUE!

TEAR OFF THIS SECTION AND MAIL WITH YOUR CHECK TO:

SNO-KING RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
P. O. Box 5253, Lynnwood, WA 98046-5253

MEMBER DUES

(Check appropriate box)

STATE-----	\$10.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
LOCAL-----	5.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total	\$15.00	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ State Legislative Dist. _____

ASSOCIATE DUES

(For spouses and working educators)

LOCAL-----	\$ 2.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
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TIME FLIES---start thinking about the 1986 state convention--Sno-King R.T.A. is the host unit!

A REMINDER--Sno-King unit is in danger of losing a delegate or two to the state convention in Spokane in June. The reason? A lot of you still have not paid your 1984-85 dues! Please use the coupon in this newsletter and mail to your unit treasurer.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Charlotte L. Emigh, 1832 - 199th St., Seattle, and William H. Gould, 7531 - 242nd P. S.W., Edmonds.

MARCH 15 Sno-King RTA member, Dick Sacksteder will present a slide show of his recent European trip. Dick is an audio-visual expert so we know we will enjoy his program.

APRIL 19 The wise use of medications by older people will be the program topic for this meeting. Timothy Lucum, a retired pharmacist and an AARP member from Edmonds will be with us to answer questions after the presentation of a film entitled "Wise Use of Drugs."

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